

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An image reader connected to a network, which is managed by a management device connected to the network, the image reader comprising:

an operation instruction receiving part that receives an operation instruction from the management device; and

a reading part that reads an image on the basis of the operation instruction received by the operation instruction receiving part.

2. The image reader according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a display operation part that displays information and receives an operation instruction, wherein the reading part reads the image on the basis of the operation instruction received by the operation instruction receiving part, or the operation instruction received by the display operation part.

3. The image reader according to Claim 2, further comprising:

an image transfer part that transfers the image read by the reading part to the management device.

4. The image reader according to Claim 2, further comprising:

a storage part that stores the image read by the reading part.

5. The image reader according to Claim 2, wherein the display operation part comprises a browser part that displays a Web page and receives an instruction to input information into the Web page.

6. The image reader according to Claim 5, wherein the display operation part

acquires an operation instruction page supplied from the management device, and displays the acquired operation instruction page.

7. The image reader according to Claim 6, wherein the reading part reads the image in accordance with the operation instruction that the management device issues on the basis of a parameter defined by the operation instruction page.

8. The image reader according to Claim 6, wherein the operation instruction page permits to designate an instruction that reads one document plural times continuously by using different parameters.

9. The image reader according to Claim 5, further comprising a Web server part that supplies the Web page to the display operation part and a Web client connected to the network.

10. The image reader according to Claim 9, wherein the display operation part acquires a first operation instruction page supplied from the management device, acquires a second operation instruction page supplied by the Web server part, and displays the acquired first and second operation instruction pages.

11. The image reader according to Claim 9, wherein, when there occurs a failure, the Web server part supplies the display operation part with a failure information page to inform that the failure has occurred.

12. The image reader according to Claim 9, wherein the Web server part supplies the display operation part or the Web client with a control page that receives a control instruction including a shutdown of a power supply, and executes the control

instruction received through the control page.

13. A method of controlling an image reader connected to a network, which is managed by a management device connected to the network, the method comprising:  
issuing an operation instruction to the image reader from the management device.

14. The method of controlling an image reader according to Claim 13, comprising:  
issuing an operation instruction to the image reader from the image reader or the management device.

15. The method of controlling an image reader according to Claim 14, comprising:  
operating the management device as a first Web server and operating the image reader as a Web client, wherein the first Web server issues the operation instruction on the basis of the operation instruction received from the Web client.

16. The method of controlling an image reader according to Claim 15, comprising:  
operating the image reader as a second Web server, wherein the second Web server displays control information received through the network and executes a control instruction.

17. A method of controlling an image reader according to Claim 16, wherein the Web client displays Web pages supplied from the first Web server and the second Web server, and transmits a control instruction specified by the Web pages to the first

Web server or the second Web server.